



St. Mark Connection

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60 Years
St. Mark Presbyterian Church
exists to know Jesus
and make Him known

St. Mark Celebrates 60 years of worship, fellowship and service on Sunday, June 23rd. We will commemorate the occasion during our worship service, as well as a *Picnic On the Grounds* luncheon in the Family Center following worship. Everyone will have an opportunity to sign-up for the fried chicken luncheon (a traditional Sunday lunch during the 50's when St. Mark was chartered).



If you have names of long-standing St. Mark members who are no longer with us, but whom you would like to invite, please send contact information (name-address-email address) to Pat Bilger in the church office. We would like to send them an invitation to the event.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

**ST. MARK HANDBELL CHOIR
JOINS FIRST UNITED METHODIST
BELLRINGERS IN A
JOINT CONCERT
SUNDAY, MAY 5TH
6:00 P.M.**



The Handbell Choir from St. Mark will join with the bell ringers at First United Methodist Church in Mesquite on Sunday, May 5th for a joint concert.

The concert will be at 6:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Mesquite.

**INQUIRER'S CLASS
Wednesday, May 15th
6:30 p.m. in the Parlor**

If you have been worshipping with us at St. Mark Presbyterian Church for a while and want a better understanding of what we're all about, you may have some questions.



- *Who are the Presbyterians?*
- *What do they believe?*
- *What do they do?*
- *What is their history?*
- *What has their influence been?*

Bring your questions about being Presbyterian to Pastor Rick's Inquirer's Class.

We hope to see you there!

Memorial Service

A Memorial Service will be held at St. Mark for Dorothy Robinson on

Saturday, May 18th at 11:00 a.m.



**Second Sunday at Six
A Service of Wholeness
will not be held in May**



**Newsletter Deadline
is May 15th**



William Temple, the archbishop of Canterbury from 1942-1944, once said, "The Church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members."

The members of St. Mark Presbyterian Church respond time and time again—individually and as a congregation—to help those who probably will never walk across the threshold of 9999 Ferguson Road.

We are called not to be complacent in building God's kingdom, but to develop relationships outside the comfort zone of our house of worship. Our challenge is to find a balance between Christian responsibilities outside the church walls and inside the church walls.

This summer, we will commission a mission team from St. Mark that will work with Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity provides housing

for nearly two billion people around the world who live in slum housing, and over 100 million who are homeless. The organization declares on its website that it was "founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live. We build with people in need regardless of race or religion."

Habitat for Humanity, Ministry of Hope (Malawi), White Rock Center of Hope, Austin Street Center, Presbyterian Homes and Services—all supported by our time, talent, and treasure—allow St. Mark to exhibit incarnational love. We stand with the desperately needy, those who can never repay the debt.

So we will pray for our wonderful team of volunteers to be the voice, hands and feet of Jesus as they help build a new life for someone in Fort Worth. Let us also commit to pray for discernment of God's will for St. Mark and for our responses in serving Him.

Blessings, *Pastor Rick*



White Rock Center of Hope is Sunday is May 12th

Bring your donations of toys, canned or dried foods, paper products, clothing, etc. and place them in the baskets in the hallway.

Food Needs

Tuna, Macaroni & Cheese

Linen Needs

Towels, washcloths, pillows
king & queen sheets

Clothing Needs

- **Men:** Jeans, sizes 28-38, belts
white socks & underwear,
- **Women:** socks & underwear in all sizes
- **Boys:** clothing of all kinds & all sizes

Gospel Review

Come and enjoy a fabulous evening of Gospel Music and Hymns with Rudy Gatlin's Gospel Music Review featuring special guests Spoken For and Gerald Jones. Sunday, May 5, 6:00pm, Orchard Hills Baptist Church, 3303 Saturn Road, Garland. A love offering will be received.

Sunday Sermons, Scriptures and Events

May 5

"Why Run to the Roar?"

Proverbs 12:2-3; John 1:1-5

Celebration of the Lord's Supper



May 12

"Immediately"

Psalm 97:1-12; Mark 1

Rev. Dr. Randall McGee

Mother's Day

May 19

"The Forever Fire"

Psalm 104:24-30; John 14:8-17

Pentecost Sunday

May 26

"Making Peace"

Proverbs 8:1-4; Romans 5:1-11

Trinity Sunday



Mother's Day
Sunday, May 12th

Directory Update

Norma Murray
Dallas, TX 75218

Janet Taylor
Dallas, TX 75206

Clarence Oneal Robinson
Huntsville, TX 77343

Martha Gracey
(new email address)

Complete contact information is available from the church office.



Dear Ones in Christ,

Thank you so much for your visits, many cards, calls and hugs during this time after the loss of my Mom, Bobbie Jackson. It meant so much to us. Love to you all, Charlene and Jeff Taylor

Newsletter Staff:

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Articles and information for the newsletter can be e-mailed to these addresses.



Movie Night

Saturday, May 18th @ 7:00 p.m.

Bring snacks to share and join your friends in the cozy confines of the "Gleaners Cinema".
This month's movie: "Parental Guidance"

The Church Pantry

Urgently Needs:

Vienna Sausage & Canned Beans

(Pull-top cans only)



May God Bless You on Your Birthday

May 1

Edna Woods

May 2

Mike Parsley

May 8

Kathy Moore

May 10

Tricia Johnson

May 11

Martha Gracey

May 12

Drew Taylor

May 14

Frank Roberson

Harry Roberts

May 19

Brian Arthur

May 22

Travis Moore

May 24

Megan Knapp

May 27

Dick Brooks

May 31

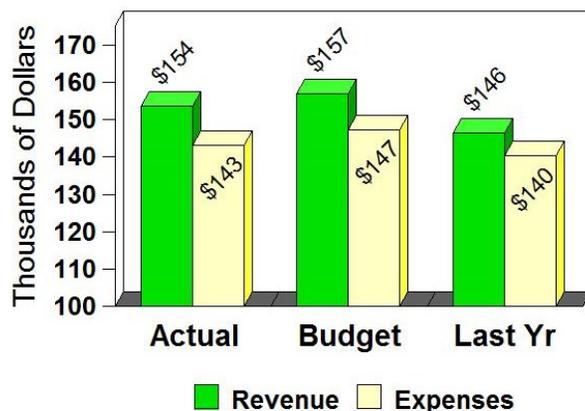
Claire Dawley

Yvonne Pierce



Operating & Mission Funds

9 Months Through March 31, 2013



Treasurer's Report

for the nine months ending 3/31/13

- ⇒ Operating Fund revenue is \$1,600 below budget and expenditures are \$2,500 below budget.
- ⇒ Capital and Facilities Fund revenue is \$14,100 more than budgeted, and expenditures are \$19,700 more than budgeted, both due mainly to the A/C replacement project and repairs.
- ⇒ Mission and Outreach Fund revenue is \$1,800 less than budgeted, and expenditures are \$1,600 less than budgeted.

More detailed financial statements are available for any member to review. Please contact the Treasurer, Bill Grayson, if you would like to see more information.



Randall's Pen

It's been a wild last few days. I am writing this the morning after the explosion in West, Texas. It has just been a few days since the Boston Marathon bombing.

Several friends shared these words from Fred Rogers earlier this week right after the bombing. I thought I would pass them along. Of course Fred Rogers was Mr. Rogers. He was also a Presbyterian minister.

"When I was a boy and would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"

Mr. Rogers was right this week. We have seen the helpers. There were the people who rushed to the bomb sites in Boston. There were the marathoners who kept running to the hospital to donate blood. There were the people in West searching through rubble last night looking for people who needed help. The list could go on.

I'd like to offer a couple of more things to go along with Mr. Rogers' reminder about the helpers.

First there are the opening lines from the PCUSA's Brief Statement of Faith:

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

And there are these lines from the Apostle Paul:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

Who knows what we may encounter in the coming days. There may be ups. There may be downs. There will certainly be more tragedies in the world. But we can remember to look for the helpers. We can remember that we belong to God. And we can remember the power of the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Randall McGee, Director of Christian Education



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